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Docket No: 9614/0L414-US0

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Hiroshi IIZUKA; Akikazu YAMAMOTO; and
Tutomu KUROKAWA

Serial No.: 09/908,993

Art Unit: 1724

Confirmation No.: 6849

Filed: July 19, 2001

Examiner: Ivars C. CINTINS

For: **WATER SOFTENING DEVICE**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Hon. Commissioner of
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September 30, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 29, 2002, which, by extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), may be responded to on or before September 30, 2002 (three month extension). Please consider the following remarks.